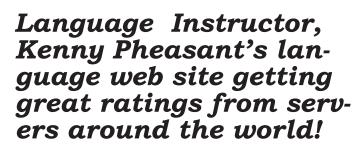
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# Anishinaabemowin



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# Election Day; April 29th, 2005

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What do we do when valuable property is in danger of never being useful again because it is badly compromised by pollution? Sara Schrader, Brownfield Specialist in the Natural Resources Department is the one to ask. She is responsible for a program called the "Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot", funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. Through this project, Sarah Schrader intends to establish the level of contamination that exists on various Tribal Lands, and determine how to remedy these situations to ensure that our lands retain and regain their value. CONTINUED PAGE - 12/13





In 1975, bobcats (Lynx rufus var.) were cited by the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) because of concerns for the survival of their populations. This listing required state agencies and Tribes to provide the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service with data on bobcat populations. CITES authority required agencies to prove that hunting bobcats was not going to be a threat to thier survival.

The bobcat has long been In recent years, the number collect this data.

people both for its intrinsic value as well as its monetary value in the fur trade. The bobcat continues to be important to Tribal fur traders as Tribal Members continue to trap and trade bobcat pelts on the international market. A concern of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is the lack of information that has been collected on the status of the bobcat in northern counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

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has increased, yet there is concern about the reliability of current census and monitoring techniques that will ensure its survival. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has collected some data in counties open to harvest; however, very little data has been gathered on the overall stability of bobcat populations.

LRBOI biologist, Nate Svoboda and technician Karen Karesh intend to

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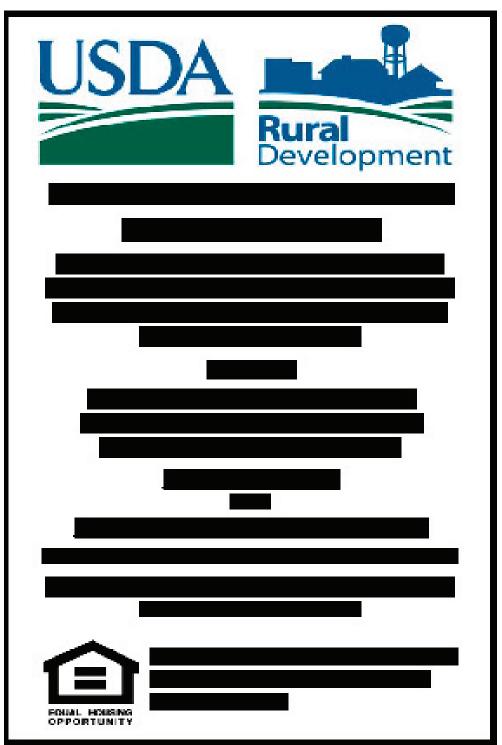
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Any questions should be directed to Alyce Giltz 888-723-8288 ext 6704.

Human Resources is looking for anyone interested in temporary employment. Please stop by and fill out an employment application with the Department.

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Language Hotline	877-789-0993	Little River Casino Resort	888-568-2244

#### **COMMEMORATIVE COINS**

We would like to inform the Membership that we have commemorative coins in our office from when the Tribe took control of the Casino. If you have not received one of the coins please stop in our office to pick one up. You must have your Tribal ID card to receive one of the coins.

Contact Member's Assistance for more information 1-231-398-6713

#### NEW TRIBAL ID s

There are numerous Tribal Members who have not received one of the new Tribal ID cards. The new cards have a magnetic strip on the back, and picture on the front. Our office is located at 1780 U. S. 31 South, and our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you need to contact the Enrollment Department you can call Diane Lonn Enrollment Officer at (231) 398-6712 or Jessica Wissner Enrollment Assistant at (231) 398-6713.

# Military Tribal Families

Little River Currents would like create a mailing list of all the tribal men and women who are honorably serving our country in the military. If you, your spouse, your parent or child are currently enrolled in the military, please fill out this form. We would like to know who they are, how they are associated to the tribe (member, wife/husband/child of tribal member), their military title and their current status in the military. You can also give us their mailing coordinates if they are posted out of state.

Please fill out this form and return it to us so we can pay tribute to their dedication and possibly start a network to facilitate mail communication.

Tribal Members Enrolled in the Military		
Name:		
Relationship to the Tribe (# if possible):		
Military Title:		
Current Status:		
Mailing Coordinates/ e-mail:		
Your Comments, Message, Prayer, etc.:		
Other Pertinent Information:		

# LRBOI Member's News

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#### UPDATING ADDRESSES OF THE MEMBERSHIP - ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

The Enrollment Department has been very busy trying to update the mailing and physical addresses of all the membership. We have a lot of members who have a Post Office Box (mailing address) on file, but no physical address, so we would really appreciate it if the Membership would contact the Enrollment Department with any changes or updates on their addresses. Listed below are Tribal Members who do not have a deliverable address on file with our Department. If you are in contact with a Tribal member listed below please contact us with their updated address.

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**Resolution # 04-1222-537** 

#### Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funding for the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2005

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved the fiscal year 2005 operating budget, with adjustments, in Resolution #04-1215-510, and:
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has requested that the projected funding needs for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005 be identified, and;
- WHEREAS, the Budget Coordinator and the Chief Financial Officer have prepared the attached funding projections for the fiscal year of 2005 which identifies that the funding requirements from tribal revenues, tribal tax revenues and tribal operations revenue (utility revenue, medical re-imbursement, etc.) collectively referred to as Tribal General Revenues for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005 to be approximately \$6,335,503.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby appropriates the amount of \$6,335,503 from Tribal General Revenues to provide for the operation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tribal government under the approved fiscal year 2005 tribal operations budget.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>6</u> FOR, <u>2</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>1</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 22, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:

Presentation of Resolution to Tribal Ogema:

ne M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 as set forth in Resolution #03-1217-424, has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema:

Signature of Council Recorder:

Date: //33/55

Signature of Ogema:

## Commodity Department got some good news!

Lee Sprague recently received a letter from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service has been approved;

#### Dear Mr. Sprague:

This is to inform you of an amendment to your Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) administrative budget approval letter dated September 23, 2004.

dent Bush signed the Consoli- this amount, and to date, the dated Appropriations Act of total Federal funds available 2005, which establishes FY for 2005 administrative op-(USDA) to inform him that 2005 funding for the U.S. De-erations is \$47,359. the Food Distribution Pro- partment of Agriculture. As a gram's administrative budget result of the above Your 2005 Federal administrative funding grant has been increased in the in the amount of \$654. This total reflects your Tribe's fair share of the Midwest Region's available FDPIR administrative allocation, based proportionately on your program's participation (1.09 %) to that of the Midwest Region as a whole. We have FY 2005

On December 8, 2004, Presi-budget to reflect an increase of

We are extremely pleased to make these funds available to assist in supporting allowable operating cost (salary, gasoline, utilities, etc.) However, please note that at this time the FY 2006 funding level has not yet been determined, and adjustments to line-items should be made with this in mind.

We appreciate your continued efforts in the success of the FDPIR, and if you have

any questions, please feel free to contact Joe Templin of my staff at (312) 353-1900.

Sincerely,

Liza Cowden, Chief School & Community Nutrition Section Special Nutrition Programs USDA (United States Department of Agriculture Food and *Nutrition Service)* 

## Food Distribution Program Net Monthly Income (Effective Oct. 1-2004 – Sept. 30-2005)

Household Size	Income Limit
1.	\$ 910
2.	\$ 1,175
3.	\$ 1,440
4.	\$ 1,705
5.	\$ 1,989
6.	\$ 2,272
7.	\$ 2,537
8.	\$ 2,802*

\* For each additional member add \$ 265

#### **Sugar Free Frosting**

#### **INGREDIENTS**:

- 1 (1.4 ounce) package sugar-free instant pudding mix
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 (8 ounce) container lite frozen whipped topping thawed

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- In a medium bowl, combine pudding mix and milk. Mix well and let stand until thickened.
- In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add pudding and mix well. Finally, fold in whipped topping.

#### **Quick Cold Day Soup**

- 1 ½ to 2 lb. kielbasa, or sausage of your choice, cut in pieces 1 small can tomato sauce
- 4 C. water
- 2 potatoes cut in pieces 2 carrots, cut in pieces
- 1 onion, cut up
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 2 can's kidney beans (undrained)
- 1 head cabbage, chopped

Put everything in a kettle, except cabbage. Cook for ½ hour. Add cabbage the last 20 minutes. Good on cold day

For more Information call 1-888-723-8288 ask for Ext. 6715 Commodity Program

## Looking for "Firestarters" in our community to attend Firestarters Certification offered thru White Bison.

What is a Firestarter?

"Firestarter" refers to an individual who has the ability to envision the needs and potential (fire or light) within a person or a community.

What Firestarters do?

Firestarters learn to facilitate the culturally appropriate Medicine Wheel and 12 Step Program in an intensive three day and three evening training designed to teach the individual how to conduct the video series and facilitation process for Native American people.

Criteria for Firestarters:

Individual must be sober for one year prior to training. Has experience in recovery (Al-Anon, AA, Gamblers Anonymous, NA, etc). Has demonstrated recovery leadership. Is willing to do 12-step work. Is willing to work on them emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. Is able to commit to participating in three training sessions (one each year for 3 yrs).

If interested in the Firestarter program please contact:

Julie Wolfe or Don Chertier at Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health 231.398.6604



# Anishinaabe Language

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Visit the first and only language website ever created! It is rated in the top 50 of all websites in the world!

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Platform or other statemer	nts the candidate would li	ike to make: (Limit 250 words	

Please do not submit your information to the Election Board, as it will not be printed if it is not sent directly to the newspaper.

# **Election Board**

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Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaá Aníšhinaábek LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS ELECTION BOARD 375 River Street Manistee, MI 49660 (231) 723-8288



NAÁNGWÁ: DATE: 1/17/05

AÁNIÍ PIÍŠH EPIÍDEK: TO: All Tribal Members FROM: Election Board

MAÁNDA NJÍ: SUBJECT: More Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

## Frequently asked questions

The Election Board of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians continues to receive questions about the 2005 General Election. We are pleased to provide these answers, which we hope will be helpful.

#### **Question 1**

- Must a candidate live in the Outlying District to run for a Tribal Council seat in the Outlying District?

**Answer** - No. Article IV, Section 2(b)(3) of the Tribal Constitution states that one of the nine members of Tribal Council shall be elected by those voters residing outside the Nine-County District. This provision states who is eligible to vote for an Outlying District candidate, but not where the candidate must live. The only provision of the Tribal Constitution that addresses where a candidate must live is the qualifications section in Article IV, Section 3. With respect to residency, this section states only that a candidate for Tribal Council must have resided within the State of Michigan for at least six months prior to the election. The same thing is true of a Nine-County District candidate.

Based on the lack of any other residency requirement for Tribal Council candidates in the Tribal Constitution, the Election Board declined to impose additional requirements by regulation. The Election Board Regulations speak to this issue in Chapter 2, Section 3-1(c):

"Outlying District" means the area representing the members of the Tribe residing outside the Nine-County District for the purposes of voting in an election of the Tribal Council, as defined in Article IV, Section 2(b)(3) of the Constitution. The Outlying District allows all registered voters who reside outside of the Nine-County District to vote for this position. An Outlying District candidate can reside anywhere in the State of Michigan, so long as she/he resides in the state 6 months before the election.

#### **Question 2**

- While the requirement for candidate biographies was waived this year, will the Election Board still mail out any biographies submitted to it?

**Answer -** No. The Election Board is exercising its discretion not to engage in the candidate biography process this year. However, the *Little River Currents* newspaper will be running a section on candidates in its March issue, and candidates will have the opportunity to submit information on themselves and their positions on issues facing the Tribe. This process should provide at least as much opportunity to get information to the voters as the old Candidate Biography requirement, which the Election Board intends to phase out of the regulations at some point in the future.

### **Question 3**

- Who opens the Election Board's mail?

**Answer -** All mail sent to the Election Board is opened by the Election Board's Legal Assistant, Chairperson, Recording Secretary, or office staff. All ballots and ballot envelopes are opened according to a formal process described in the vote-counting regulations.

#### **Question 4**

- Why do Tribal Members in the Outlying District only get to vote for two seats on Tribal Council (one Outlying and the At-Large) while Tribal Members in the Nine-County District get to vote for four seats on Tribal Council (three Nine-County and the At-Large)?

**Answer -** Six members of Tribal Council represent the Nine-County District, two represent the At-Large District, and one represents the Outlying District. These numbers are set by the Tribal Constitution; not the Election Board. The seats up for election in 2005 are three in the Nine-County District, one in the At-Large District, and one in the Outlying District.

#### "Attention Tribal Members!"

If you are interested in serving on one of the Tribal boards, committees or commissions we would like to hear from you. Please send a letter of interest to the attention of Ogema Lee Sprague. If you have questions, please contact Mary Thomas at 231.398.6824."

# Election Board

# **ELECTION CALENDAR**

#### **ELECTION DATE: APRIL 29, 2005**

Notice of Election **November 30, 2004** Deadline for filing Declaration of **December 30, 2004** Candidacy. All forms must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

Certify the slate of Candidates **January 10, 2005** 

**January 10, 2005** Last day for Candidates to withdraw

their names from ballot.

Ballots mailed to all Registered March 15, 2005

Voters

**April 28, 2005** Accuracy and Logic Testing of

**Equipment Demonstration** 

Ballots Tabulated/Unofficial Results **April 29, 2005** 

May 4, 2005 Last Day to Petition for a Recount

Last day to File Challenge of the May 6, 2005

Election

#### 2005 NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR ELECTED **OFFICIALS**

Members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are hereby notified that an election will be held on April 29, 2005 for the purpose of electing:

- ➤ Five (5) Tribal Council positions: 4 – Nine County and 1 – At Large.
- > 5 Election Board Positions
- ➤ 1 Appellate Judge Position

This election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Election Ordinance and Election Board Regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

**Tribal Council.** Any member of the Tribe who is 21 years of age or older, and who has resided within the State of Michigan for at least 6 months before the date of the next scheduled election, may serve on the Tribal Council.

Election Board. Tribal members who do not hold Elected Office, and are not running for Elected Office, shall be eligible to serve as an Election Board member.

**Judges.** Any member of the Tribe may serve as a Tribal Judge provided he/she is twenty-five (25) years of age or older, is not a member of another Elected Office simultaneously, and has not been convicted of any crime of dishonesty or moral turpitude, nor been convicted of a felony under Tribal or State Law within the seven (7) year period immediately preceding the date of the election, or in the event of a vacancy, his/her appointment.

#### **ELECTION ADMINISTRATION**

The Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians Election Board has engaged Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, New Mexico to automate the ballot tabulation process and to assist with the election process. Their services will include distribution, tracking and accounting of all Ballots. Automated Election Services has worked successfully with Indian Nations throughout the United States, and locally with the Grand Traverse and the Little Traverse Bay Bands. If you are interested in watching how this process works, a demonstration will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. the Little River Band Down Town building, 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660.

#### **QUALIFIED VOTERS**

To cast a ballot in this election you must be:

A) A Tribal member who, on the date of a General Election, Special Election, or General Membership meeting, (a) is at least 18 years, and (b) has been a member of the Tribe for at least 30 days. You are registered as a voter until your death or you are no longer a member in the Tribe. If your name or address changes, please inform the Enrollment Office.

#### **QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL**

In accordance with the Constitution, a qualified candidate for Tribal Council must:

- A) be an enrolled member of the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians.
- B) be 21 years of age or older as of the date of the election.
- C) have resided within the State of Michigan for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election.
- D) submit a Declaration of Candidacy Form to the Election Board Office no later than December 30, 2005.

#### **BALLOT DISTRIBUTION**

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than March 15, 2005. All ballot distribution packages will contain a pre-addressed return envelope for mailing ballots back to the Election Board. All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Manistee, Michigan by (Noon) on Election Day, April 29, 2005.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting conducted by the Election Board beginning at 1:00 p.m. Election Day, April 29, 2005 at the Down Town Office building. Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots have been tabulated and the results of that tabulation have been recorded.

The Election Board shall issue the Preliminary Election Results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation. Recounts (for candidates only) and challenges must be filed in accordance with the Election Board's regulations.

Certified Election Results will be posted at the Tribal Offices and published in the Tribal Newsletter at the conclusion of the election.

> If you have any questions or for further information please contact:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians **Election Board** 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660



**Election Board Members:** Mark Bowen **Kathy Bowen** David L. Lilleberg John A. Ross Virginia Lenartowicz

# **Declared Candidates for 2005 Tribal Election**

	Election Board	Judicial	9-County	Out-Lying	At-Large
_ '\\\'	Alesia Condon	Ryan L.	Kimberly M. Alexander	Mary Bower	Jessica L. Burger
2	Berni L. Carlson	Champagne Tim Chandler	Loretta J. Beccaria	Norbert J. Kelsey	Valerie G.
3	Sandy Lempke Mezeske	Kimberly Crampton	Carol A. Wahr-Bennett	Darrin R. Griffith	Chandler Shannon Paul Crampton
4	Peggy J. Vriesman	Jules Hanslovsky	Candace Chapman	Lisa M. Mc Catty	"Gisiss" Bob Hardenburgh
5		Ken La Haye	Bridget Cole	Melissa Zelenak	Mick Moore
6			Janis A. Compeau		Patricia A. Ruiter
7			Bernadene Crampton		
8			Debra Davis		
9			Machele L. Gibbs		
10			Brian Gibson		
11			Ben Hamilton		
12			Shelly Lynn Kequam		
13			Martha Micko Kase		
14			Steven Jobes Jr.		
15			Tammy Kleeman-Brown		
16			Don Koon		
17			Pamela S. Medahko		
18			Jimmie MItchell		
19			Sherman M. Moore		
20			Patsy L. Morris		
21			Judith A. Nedeau		
22			Steve Parsons		
23			Al Patricio		
24			Jerry Ramsey Sr.		
25			Daniel M. Shepard		
26			Joan K. Spalding		
27			Rick M. Sprague		
28			Joshua C. Stone		
29			Teresa A. Wabsis		
30			Bill Willis		
31			Jeremy (Deacon) Wilson		



## **Life Lessons Learned**

As I journey through my life I realize I have many lessons learned. The most important is about dreams. The Creator is the true author of my dreams. Dreams help us grow and as we grow so do our dreams and the bigger the dream becomes also does the responsibility. One should not become unhappy, stressed, or lose focus on the important things in life, to reach a dream. Failure is the Creator's way of showing us we are on the wrong path. Why be prepared for worlds that do not exist? I never gave it any thought till today. Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (a.k.a.) SIPI is my dream come true. To be with my people Learning, Laughing, and Living. The support of our Anishinaabe People makes my life Good! I want to say Kchi Miigwech to Kris and Maria; you truly have been part of the Anishinaabe Dream.

In the Spirit White Feather Verna Wolfe

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# Anishinaabemowin

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- Telling Time and Counting, Bingo and Concentration Games and Hundreds of Photos
  - Appropriate for all age levels
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- Over 8 minutes of video: "Introduction to Anishinaabemowin", "Medicine Bear" and "My Family"
- Anishinaabe Cultural Information and Historical Facts

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# **Great News!!! Mnadabajimowin**

The grant that just ended was a great success we should all be proud of! We wrote that we would sell the CD ROM to fund more language projects just like this with exception to Little River Band members. Little River Band members would get one complimentary copy per household as per requested. This CD ROM is very popular in the great lakes area now and not only the CD ROM but the interactive language website. This website is the first language website ever created and it is ranked in the top 30 websites in the world now. People are hitting this website all over the United States, Canada and Europe. The CD ROM sales for 2004 topped off at \$9,650.00 and it all goes into the general fund. The address for the website is www.anishinaabemdaa.com

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# Natural Resources

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## Update on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Brownfield Program

Prepared by Sara S. Schrader, Brownfield Specialist

#### I. Definition of Brownfields

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant." Source: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/">http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/</a>.

#### II. Overview of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Brownfield Program

In October 2002, the EPA awarded the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians a Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Grant in the amount of \$250,000 with project duration of two years. In April 2004, the Tribe was awarded a one year extension on the project with an expiration date of September 30, 2005.

In September 2003, the EPA awarded the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians a Brownfield Tribal Response Program grant in the amount of \$126,537 with project duration of one year. In October 2004, the EPA awarded the Tribal Response Program. A preliminary funding request for Year-Three activities was submitted to the EPA during January 2005.

On Monday, October 18, 2004, Sara Schrader was hired by the Tribe to serve as the project Coordinator for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Response Program and the Tribe's Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Grant.

#### III. Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program

The goal of the Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program is to promote community revitalization by addressing potential health risks on Tribal lands in a manner that will restore economic vitality to areas where Brownfields exist. The Tribe's Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program has four objectives:

- 1. To identify, document, and analyze possible contamination at two Tribal properties: The East Lake Site (a.k.a. "Big Blue" or "the former Manistee Forge property") and the Pow Wow Grounds:
- "Big Blue" or "the former Manistee Forge property") and the Pow Wow Grounds;

  2. To develop remedial plans for the hazardous material identified on the sites listed above;
- 3. To develop preliminary plans for the reuse of the East Lake Site and the Pow Wow Grounds;
- 4. To increase Tribal, State, and public stakeholder understanding and involvement in Brownfield redevelopment, by consulting with the Tribal membership, other local governments and public/private sector sources of redevelopment financing.

In September 2003, the Tribe retained the services of AKT Peerless Environmental Services and Environmental Consultants & Services (EC&S) to serve as the environmental consultants for the Tribe's Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program.







\* Left to Right - Abandonned fiber glass factory; hand auger used to take soil samples at the east lake property; testing the soil for lead paint.

#### IV. Tribal Response Program

The purpose of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Response Program is to establish and enhance a program that will enable the Tribe to monitor and manage Brownfield site assessment, cleanup, and reuse.

The Tribal Response Program has five major objectives that will span over a five-year time period. The Tribal Response Program will:

- 1. Survey and inventory Tribal and non-Tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's 1836 and 1855 Reservations, to determine prospective Brownfield or other contaminated sites, and in subsequent funding years will conduct a survey and inventory serving the same purposes for the Ceded territories:
- 2. Address the identification and development of enforcement authorities or other mechanisms and resources, to ensure that a response action will protect human health and the environment and be conducted in accordance with applicable federal and Tribal law;
- 3. Employ mechanisms and resources to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation relating to the program;
- 4. Monitor the preparation of site revitalization plans for the redevelopment of Brownfield sites-initially on Tribal lands; secondly, on adjacent non-tribal lands within both the exterior boundaries of the 1836 and 1855 Reservations and eventually on lands within the ceded territories. This component will also address mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plan and verification and certification that cleanup is complete;
- 5. Ensure that appropriate EPA grant administration and compliance requirements are met.

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### Brownfield Program - Continued

#### V. **Phase I Environmental Site Assessments**

During the summer of 2004, Environmental Consultants & Services, Inc. in conjunction with AKT Peerless Environmental Services conducted Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) at the Pow Wow Grounds and the East Lake Site. The purpose of a Phase I ESA is to identify Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) associated with the property and/or surrounding parcels. A Recognized Environmental Condition is defined as "the presence or likely presence of any hazardous substances or petroleum products on a property under conditions that indicate an existing release, a past release, or a material threat of a release of any hazardous substances or petroleum products into structures on the property or into the ground, groundwater, or surface water on the property." A Phase I ESA includes information obtained through visual inspections, records review, inquiry into the current and past ownership, and uses of the property and surrounding parcels.

EC&S identified three Recognized Environmental Conditions at the Pow Wow Grounds and/or surrounding parcels. These RECs include: the disposal of numerous drums and other containers on the property, the presence of pesticides in a former dump area on the property, and the presence of a natural gas well adjacent to the property.

EC&S identified fifteen Recognized Environmental Conditions at the East Lake Site and/or surrounding parcels. Examples of RECs at the East Lake Site include: the former use of the property for lumber and salt production, the presence of brine water protection wells, the presence of shot blast and/or foundry slag, the presence of lead base paint in the soils, and the potential for contaminated lake bottom sediments.

As a result of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, EC&S prepared a Phase II Environmental Assessment Sampling Analysis Plan to further investigate the Recognized Environmental Conditions at the Pow Wow Grounds and the East Lake Site.

#### **Phase II Environmental Site Assessments** VI.

In December 2004, EC&S began Phase II Environmental Site Assessments for the purpose of evaluating the Recognized Environmental Conditions identified at each site during the Phase I Environmental Site Assessments. During the Phase II ESA, the consultant will be conducting the following activities:

- Geophysical surveys
- Soil boring and soil sample collection
- Groundwater sample collection
- Sediment sample collection
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control sample collection

As of January 19 2005, the consultant has completed the geophysical surveys at each site, collected surface soil samples at each site, and has excavated four soil pits and collected soil samples in locations identified within the drum disposal area at the Pow Wow Grounds. Depending on the weather conditions, a report on the findings from the Phase II ESAs should be completed in early April 2005.

#### VII. Next Steps

Subsequent to the completion of the Phase II ESAs, the Tribe and AKT Peerless will coordinate and conduct a Project Meeting in order to reintroduce and update Tribal members and the local community on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Brownfield Project. The meeting will provide an overview of the Brownfield Assessment Program, the findings of the Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, and potential site reuse and/or remedial options. Further information on upcoming meetings will be publicized once it becomes available.

#### VIII. Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the Brownfield Assessment Program or the Tribal Response Program or if you know of any potential Brownfield sites please contact Sara Schrader, Brownfield Specialist in the Natural Resources Department. Sara can be reached at 231-723-1594 extension 11 or sschrader@lrboi.com.

\* Bromine (chemical used to dissinfect - similar to chlorine) bottle discarded in field.

### Natural Resource Department Welcomes New Employees

**SARA SCHRADER** joined the Natural Resources Department on October 18, 2004 as the Brownfield Specialist. She is charged with administering two Brownfield Grants through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sara is originally from Muskegon, Michigan. She moved to Manistee to join her fiancé who lives in Manistee. They will be getting married in April 2005.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Alma College in 1999. She also earned her Master of Public Administration from Grand Valley State University in 2002. Sara looks forward to working for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

**DARRIN GRIFFITH** grew up in Raven's Den, Arkansas and moved to Manistee in the summer of 2004 to work for the Tribe. Before that he worked for the Midland Boating Company. Darrin started work as an Inland Fisheries Technician for the Natural Resource Department on January 3, 2005.

The Natural Resource Department welcomes Sara and Darrin to our staff and look forward in working with them.

You can contact the Natural Resources Department at: 1-866-723-1594

### Bobcats (Lynx rufus) in Michigan's Northern Lower Peninsula



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Powerful tools such as computers, geographical information systems (GIS) and radiotelemetry can now enable us to gain valuable insight into wildlife ecology.

The Little River Band Natural Resources Department has been a key instrument in collecting and analyzing information on the bobcat populations of the area. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Wildlife Program received a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service in early 2004 as well as a grant from Central Michigan Unifersity. They have since worked in cooperation with Central Michigan University's Development of Biology Department to research the status of bobcats within this region. This project's goals are to gather information on where they live, why they live there, how big their territory is and how many bobcats live in one general area within Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula. This research will provide information to evaluate the viability of current bobcat populations.

in order to achieve these goals, the Wildlife team will; determine seasonal and sex specific bobcat habitat use in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and identify areas with preferred bobcat habitat; estimate seasonal and sex specific home-range sizes of bobcats in Michigan's Lower Peninsula; develop computer-based spatial models to predict bobcat distribution and abundance; and determine what factors influence bobcat distribution and abundance.

To do this, our team of biologists and technicians systematically set traps for bobcats. They have caught 11 bobcats since June, 2004. They determine where traps will be set, by relying primarily on habitat information; however, information received by Tribal

Members, citizens of Manistee, trappers, etc is very helpful and greatly appreciated. Once this is determined, they set a number of traps in an area and bait it with either mouse meat, bobcat urine, and various other lures and scents.

The cages are then well camouflaged in order to mask human smell and entice the bobcats to come into the traps. The Wildlife Program team visits these traps every day to minimize the amount of time live animals are restrained in traps. Due to the nocturnal nature of bobcats the maximum amount of time that animals will be in a trap should rarely exceed 12-18 hours.

Once trapped, the bobcat is immobilized via an intramuscular injection. It is carefully manipulated in order to limit the time it spends in human presence. The team determines the animal's sex, age, reproductive condition, weight and general health, an ear tag is inserted and it is radio-collared. It is then given an "antidote" to counter the paralysis and placed back into a cage to be monitored until it can safely fend for itself and be released. Radio-collared bobcats are located a minimum of 2-3 times a week, using a vehiclemounted directional antenna and electronic compass. With the information they collect, the Natural Resources Department is able to determine how large a bobcat's territory is and how far they travel in an hour, day, week, etc. Territories are Bobcats are extremely elusive, how many bobcats populate an area. For example, based on the research to date, a male bobcat's territory average's a little less than 15 square miles, and a female's territory averages a little more than 4 square miles.

Until recently, little research regarding bobcat home-range size and habitat relationships has been conducted in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula. The work our Natural Resources Department is doing has elaborated models which are the first in this region to be based on physical features scent disk and of the landscape. This re- usually sifted

models allowing for possible enhancement of current management techniques. Current models consider primarily summer habitat use and home range size and do not take into consideration variations in seasonal use, although other studies show there are variations in habitat use (ie. selectivity and avoidance) between seasons and sexes primarily between winter (breeding season) and summer (kitten rearing) seasons.

This research will further assist wildlife managers in focusing bobcat management efforts.

Lead biologist of the Wildlife Program Nate Svoboda; "Our goal is to capture and radio monitor a total of 20 bobcats over the 3-year study. We want to find out if there is a difference between the home-range size of male bobcats and female bobcats and if this changes according to the seasons due to a decrease in prey availability as well as a decrease in available water resources. However, I believe bobcats will frequent areas with increased suitable habitats as well as increased available resources (i.e. prey, open water). We want to find out whether patterns of habitat use will vary between male and female bobcats."



Svoboda checking a trap

thus established, which in turn their discrete nature makes makes it possible to estimate reliable population estimates difficult to obtain. Biologists thus rely heavily on clues, and to minimize the potential for error, they use differ-

> ent methods to locate bobcats monitor and their presence. Scent stations have a long history of use and continue to be a popular method to evaluate detection rates. A scent station consists of a

search hopes to refine current sand or an aluminum track plate. Stations are placed in a line to reduce travel time and facilitate data collection, they are checked regularly. Tracks at stations are observed to determine whether bobcats have come to investigate the scent disks. The more tracks there are, the more bobcats might live in the area. The same method can be used in the winter, simply by taking advantage of the optimal tracking conditions provided by the snow.

> Survey routes are set up based on the amount of area to be surveyed and available personnel. These are conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. Each route is approximately 8.0 km in length and is monitored using snowmobiles or vehicles. These routes are chosen for their seclusion and for the limited amount of traffic they incur. Every bobcat track is recorded with a GPS.

> To better the program's chances of trapping enough bobcats to do a valid assessment, the Wildlife Program has established a network of connections with local trappers. They are contacted when a bobcat is caught, it is tagged, collared, recorded and released. This information gathered from people who have seen bobcats or who know of their locations is very helpful and allows us to focus our trapping efforts on those specific areas, greatly reducing the amount of time we spend looking for suitable trapping locations.

You can help the Woldlife Program by letting us know if you see a bobcat in your area.

Call us at 1-866-723-1594



# Accounting

# **Tribal Budget Expenditure Projections (by Quarter) for Fiscal Year 2005\***

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Fund/Program	2005	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
	Budget	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.
Council Operations					
Tribal Council	1,576,091	381,580	373,810	433,287	387,414
Legal	2,144,356	534,400	536,838	536,280	536,838
Sub-total:	3,720,447	915,980	910,648	969,567	924,252
Admin. Support					
Tribal Ogema	1,056,529	283,869	283,226	287,585	201,849
Prosecutor	201,208	49,351	50,650	51,080	50,127
Property Management	155,000	152,750	750	750	750
Elders	79,623	26,201	10,295	10,934	32,193
Health Clinic	88,950	88,950	22,238	22,238	22,238
Building	00,730	00,730	22,230	22,230	22,236
Admin. Building	91,550	91,550	22,888	22,888	22,888
Community Center	70,050	70,050	17,513	17,513	17,513
East Lake Building	88,950	88,950	22,238	22,238	22,238
Bank Building	224,020	224,020	56,005	56,005	56,005
Newland Building	112,250	112,250	28,063	28,063	28,063
Tribal Administration	0	0	0		0
Accounting	1,617,760	345,449	418,697	355,716	497,898
Human Resources	190,655	46,560	49,020	47,972	47,103
Professional	0	0	0	0	0
Development					
MIS	247,331	72,337	58,080	58,835	58,079
Facilities	660,706	164,597	162,500	163,361	170,248
Utility Department	363,397	92,443	89,997	90,902	90,055
Merit/COLA Pool	744,900	183,725	10,000	551,175	0
Legal Assistance	110,364	27,552	27,603	27,605	27,604
Sub-total:	6,103,243	2,120,604			
Judicial					
Tribal Court	507,648	123,966	128,040	130,589	125,053
Sub-total:	507,648	123,966	128,040	130,589	125,053
Health					
Contract Health	2,015,611	580,492	479,167	478,322	477,630
Clinic Operations	1,117,200	295,788	272,227	275,550	273,635
Behavioral Health	484,934	124,034	116,701	124,792	119,407
Special Diabetes 2004	69,330	17,332	17,332	17,332	17,334
Sub-total:	3,687,075	1,017,646	885,427	895,996	888,006
Enterprises	3,007,073	1,017,040	003,427	075,770	000,000
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
ICDBG Water Stor-	500,000	500,000	0	0	0
age	300,000	300,000	0	0	
Sub-total:	500,000	500,000	0	0	0
Fund/Program	2005	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
	Proposed	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.
Member Services					
Leadership Intern	0	0	0	0	0
Family Violence	24,710	6,177	6,177	6,177	6,179
2004 Para and Para	150.000	45.000	45.000	45.000	15.000
Bereavement Program	150,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	15,000
Members Assistance	3,020,853	110,737	94,065	96,177	
Language Camp	29,600	5,800	12,000	11,800	0
Anishinaabemdaa	153,260	39,951	37,140	40,229	35,940
Enrollment	169,963	37,066	45,084	48,037	39,776
Public Information	229,364	57,396	57,212	58,463	56,293
Office		Ĺ	100 042	,	
Family Services	773,128	205,846	190,043	189,754	187,485
Education	811,136	239,942	289,055	225,601	56,538
IHS Well & Septic	51,841	51,841	0	0	0
Food Commodities	48,069	48,069	0	0	0
Family Violence 2003	25,731	6,432	6,432	6,432	6,435
LIHEAP 2004	15,292	3,823	3,823	3,823	3,823

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Sub-total:	5,502,947	858,080	796 021	721 402	
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Regulatory					
Election Board	105,526	54,732	34,583	15,093	1,118
Surveillance	1,437,359	349,947	364,341	358,733	364,338
Gaming Compliance	513,770	138,623	123,401	128,345	123,401
Gaming Commission	880,247	219,650	226,063	218,175	216,359
Lake Strugeon Rehab.	60,581	51,250	5,555	3,776	0
Natural Resources	731,760	180,075	182,136	184,199	185,350
Great Lakes Assessment	453,315	199,665	72,954	103,583	77,113
EPA 106 Grant	186,907	46,726	46,726	46,726	46,729
EPA GAP Grant 2005	220,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Circle of Flight	20,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ombudsman	68,047	16,535	17,223	17,317	16,972
Sub-total:	4,677,512	1,317,203			
Public Safety	1 177 722	211.072	270 (04	200.562	270 (02
Public Safety Great Lakes	1,177,732 498,182	311,962 192,380	278,604 97,170	308,563 112,210	278,603 96,422
Enforcement BJA Bulletproof	2,621	2,621	0	0	0
Vests Inland Enforcement	380,777	108,750	85,969	100,839	85,219
COPS T/R 2003	68,115	17,028	17,028	17,028	17,031
COPS T/R 2002	57,576	14,394	14,394	14,394	14,394
COPS T/R 2004	201,710	50,427	50,427	50,427	50,429
Sub-total:	2,386,713	697,562	543,592	603,461	542,098
Fund/Program	2005	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
	Proposed	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.
Planning					
Planning	161,555	60,835	36,148	36,273	28,299
Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0
Tribal Historic Preservation	313,704	71,259	104,388	70,492	67,565
Grants	244,011	88,046	56,003	51,961	48,001
Watershed Initiative	405,873	101,468	101,468	101,468	101,469
USFWS Bobcat Study	65,603	16,400	16,400	16,400	16,403
Grant Match	400,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Lake Sturgeon Study	144,393	36,098	36,098	36,098	36,099
Brownfields Grant Tribal Response	32,724 125,828	8,181 31,457	8,181 31,457	8,181 31,457	8,181 31,457
2003 Tribal Response 2004	126,537	31,634	31,634	31,634	31,635
Sub-total:	2,020,228	545,378	521,777	483,964	469,109
Housing					ĺ
Housing Administration	549,249	288,779	88,717	90,681	81,072
IHBG2003	372,317	93,079	93,079	93,079	93,080
IHBG2002	368,791	92,197	92,197	92,197	92,200
IHBG2001	350,765	87,691	87,691	87,691	87,692
IHBG2000	273,010	68,252	68,252	68,252	68,254
ICDBG Rural Housing	159,415	39,853	39,853	39,853	39,856
IHBG 2004	377,913	94,478	94,478	94,478	94,479
Sub-total:	2,451,460	764,329	564,267	566,231	556,633
Debt Service		4.50	450.00	450.00	1.50
Debt Service Sub-total:	600,000	150,000	150,000 150,000	150,000 150,000	150,000
and total.	000,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total	35324421	11665722	6975615	7487274	9223812

<sup>\*</sup> Note - This statement does not include the Adjustments for Restrictions (per Resolution # 04-1215-510)

# Culture

# % Revenu Sharing Agreement at Work in our Community

RE-CAP OF GRANT AWARDS MADE BY THE MANISTEE LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD using funds generated by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little River Casino

MAY 10, 2004:	
Bear Lake Schools, et al. (3 new school buses)	\$108,688.00
City of Manistee Fire Dept. (air fill station; & gas generator)	\$7,430.00
City of Manistee Police (bullet proof vests/armor shirts)	\$8,400.00
Cleon township Volunteer Fire Dept. (9 face masks)	\$4,500.00
Manistee Co. Road Commission (Briteside reflectors)	. \$10,000.00
Manistee Co. Sheriff Dept. (In-car digital cameras)	\$43,000.00
Manistee Township (alert pagers & personal protection gear)	. \$9,196.00
Maple Grove Township (5-watt programmable radios)	\$2,000.00
West Shore Medical Center (motorized upgrade cots)	\$10,500.00
<u>_\$</u>	203,714.00
November 8, 2004:	

Arcadia Township Volunteer Fire (2 overhead doors & hardware) \$12,000.00 Maple Grove Township (75% funding exhaust/positive pressure fan) \$1,500.00 Maple Grove Township (75% funding pump for tanker)........... \$1,125.00 \$129,885.00

#### P.I.L.T. AWARDS (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) November 8, 2004:

West Shore Community College (2004) (3.1529 mills) \$114,317.19
Manistee Intermediate School District (2.1415 mills)
Operating (.2922 mills)
Special Ed voted (1.8493 mills)
Manistee Area Public Schools (21.4467 mills)
Non Homestead (18 mills)
School Debt (3.4467 mills)
Manistee County (2004-Co. Operating (5.3716))
Manistee County (2004-9-1-1/Central Dispatch (.7884))
Manistee County (2004-Medical Care Facility) (.4882) \$17,701.05
Manistee County (2004-Library) (.9884)\$35,837.20
Manistee County (2004-Dial-A-Ride) (.3261)
Manistee County (2004-Council on Aging) (.3000)
Manistee County (2004-Jail Construction Bond) (.1250)\$4,532.22
November 8, 2004:
Manistee Township (1.4599 mills)
Operating (1.4599 mills)
1% Admin. Fee (\$1,326,625.43 x 1%)
\$1,339,891.68

#### "OTHER" AWARDS May 10, 2004:

Manistee Township (use of Town Hall building for meetings)..... \$2,000.00 \$11,082.12

#### **OFFSET AWARDS** May 10, 2004:

Bear Lake; KND; Onekama; Casman (restore lost State revenue) \$55,000.00 KND & Wellston Elementary (Replace playground equipment).. \$7,691.00 Manistee Co. Council on Aging (electrical & insulation)........... \$28,000.00 Manistee Co. Medical Care Facility (fire & nurse alarm systems) \$49,630.00 Marilla Township Historical Society (Pioneer Place improvements) \$4,000.00 Onekama (Village of) (playground equip/village park)............ \$18,900.00 West Shore College; Manistee ISD; Onekama; etc. (4 6000 Codecs) \$26,000.00 \$190,721.00

#### November 8, 2004:

City of Manistee (Ramsdell Restoration) (theater lighting) \$10,000.00
Manistee Co. (Community Foundation)(visioning initiative) \$25,000.00
Manistee Co. District Health Dept. #10 (dental health care) \$25,000.00
Manistee Co. Medical Care Facility (upgrade electrical) \$15,000.00
WSCC; B.Lake; KND; Manistee ISD (Codecs)\$15,000.00
\$90,000.00

Since 2000, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has worked to support the local community of the Manistee area through our 2% Revenue Sharing Agreement.

We believe in helping one another and in helping our community progress.

To date, the Tribe has paid a total of 2% Revenue Sharing contributions (grants) as follows:

TOTAL "OTHER" AWARDS:	\$1,294,215.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS:	\$2,202,533.65
TOTAL P.I.L.T. AWARDS	\$3,818,680.19
TOTAL OFFSET AWARDS:	\$87,444.85

# 2005 Annual Snowsnake Tournament



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

#### Snowsnake Tournament:

Wenesh pii: Saturday, February 26th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Aanii piish: Tribal Community Center 1780 US-31 South - Manistee, MI 49660

#### Categories

(male & female) 0-4 years old

5-7 years old 8-12 years old

13-17 years old

18-64 years old

65 & Up

Soup, frybread & refreshments will be provided after the tournament. To ensure enough supplies are available for participants,

please **pre-register** with the Tribal Historic Preservation Department:

1-888-723-8288 or (231) 398-9363 vchandler@lrboi.com

Please include your name & age category

\*\* Competitors must be registered to be eligible for awards \*\*

All children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire class and tournament.

Sponsored by: Cultural Preservation Committee & Tribal Historic Preservation Department

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

# Culture

#### SEA GRANT WORKSHOP

Ludington January 8, 2005



Lee Sprague addressing the audience

Over 100 people from the region including representatives from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians attended the Sea Grant Regional Fishery Workshop at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Ludington January 8th.

The workshop is an annual affair organized in conjunction with Michigan State University, Ottawa County MSU Extension from Grand Haven and is designed to provide updated information on the fishing and related issues to those who fish commercially in Lake Michigan.

Chuck Pistis, District Sea Grant Extension Agent opened the workshop and was pleased to welcome "...the largest gathering he had ever seen at one of these workshops." Those addressing the workshop included Sarah Thayer from MDNR Fisheries; Peter Butchko from USDA Wildlife Services, Lee Sprague and Archie Martell from LRBOI; Chuck Madenjian from the U.S. Geological Survey, Great Lakes Science Center and Tom Rozich, Supervisor MDNR Fisheries Central Lake Michigan Management Unit.

Archie Martell, Fisheries Biologist and Lee Sprague, Ogema from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians addressed the gathering before lunch with an update on the Little River Band Fisheries program. Martell presented data on the activities, assessments and catch reports for the tribe and Ogema Sprague addressed the relationship between the Tribal fishing program and 'our neighbors' who make their living from the waters of Lake Michigan.

Sprague was twice interrupted by applause from the audience as he pointed out how LRBOI is interested in the health of the lake and the fishing industry for both tribal members and our neighbors. He said that the tribe's efforts are focused on the health of the lake, not just for its commercial anglers, but

for the sake of the lake itself. That, he said, is good for everyone, charter angler or tribal fisherman.

Sprague added, "We both have to succeed in this together." In addition to tribal activities in fishing, a large part of the workshop dealt with issues that affect the fishing industry and health of the lake. This included presentations on: Opportunities to Manage Double Crested Cormorants; Weir Returns; Status of Major Species and an updated report on new Exotics including the Northern Snakehead and Asian Carp. The workshop concluded on a positive note of cooperation and understanding as the par-

> Glenn Zaring Public Information

ticipants agreed to share infor-

mation for the common good.

### Poll shows misperceptions of Natives in Michigan

At the recent United Tribal Summit in Sault Ste. Marie (see related articles), EPIC/MRA presented the results of a survey taken in October of 2004 on the 'Native American Image & Perception" as relates to the Michigan tribes.

The extensive survey was both predictable and surprising in some of its findings. Following are some of the results reported to the summit:

- 44% of respondents could not name one or more Indian tribes in the state. Only 3% could name LRBO!!
- 59% had a 'Favorable' opinion concerning Michigan
- The one thing most liked/admired by respondents concerning Michigan Tribes was "Their culture, heritage". Second was our commitment to our people.
- The one thing most disliked was our promotion of gambling
- 81% of respondents were "Not Aware" that most Indian Tribes give a portion of their profits to state and local governments

- 60% felt that tribes should not be exempt from the requirement of a vote to approve expansion of casinos
- 58% of the respondents were opposed to the idea of establishing toll booths at the entrance to all Indianowned casinos. This was one idea floated as part of the Proposal 1 campaign.
- 60% agreed that 'thanks to revenues from Indian Casinos...' pressure on local taxes had been reduced
- 68% agreed that Indian casinos bring 'widespread economic benefits' to other industries and businesses
- 72% agreed that 'Indian casinos' are an important part of a community's entertainment and tourism options
- 47% agree that Indian casinos are 'good corporate neighbors' and 'give a lot back to the community.'

The conclusion of the presentation was that the tribes need to communicate more effectively with state and local representatives, residents and the media about their contribution(s) to the community.

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES**

KENT COUNTY 24 hr Crisis (231) 722-3333 YWMCA Domestic Crisis Center (616) 459-4681 **NEWAYGO COUNTY** Crisis (616) 451-2744 WISE Crisis (231) 796-6600 Or (800) 374-9473 OTTAWA COUNTY LAKE, MASON, AND OCEANA COUNTIES Region Four Community Services Crisis (800) 950-5808 Center for Women in Transition Crisis (616) 392-1970 Or (800) 848-5991 WEXFORD COUNTY MANISTEE COUNTY **CHOICES** Crisis (231) 723-0082 OASIS/Family Resource Center Crisis (231) 775-7233

MUSKEGON COUNTY Every Women's Place

Main (231) 759-7909

# History



Little River Currents is launching a series of articles that will hopefully incite us all, if we haven't already done it, to re-connect with our roots. We decided to start with a WWII veteran, Joseph Medacco;

Joseph Medacco was born on August 27th, 1918. He is the youngest son of Katie Pete and Joseph Medacco, and has three older brothers: Jess, Stephen, and Ben Medacco.

Joe's mother died when he was an infant and was "post to pillar" - sent from one

## Joseph Medacco

old. He was then able to return to live with his father and his brothers, who were now able to care and provide for the youngest boy. Family is very special and important to Joe and he is happiest when he is surrounded by his family. He is very proud to be a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and a member of the Warrior Society.

Joseph Medacco is an Army Combat Veteran of WWII. He served five years, from 1941 to 1945 when Japan surrendered.

He was married to Mildred (Gripka) from Westworth on November 7, 1942 while stationed in Missouri, Missouri. They were married for 62 years and had seven children, six of which are still living: Joyce, Lawrence (Sonny), Marie, Lawrence (Sonny), Francis (Frank), David, and Eugene (Gene). They have 17 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, an amazing 20 Great Grand Children and One Great-great grandchild.

Joseph was employed at CWC - Campbell, Wyant and Campbell - for many years. He retired from Fisher Iron Corporation after 27 years of loyal employment.

Joseph Medacco enjoys hunting and fishing, playing golf, playing pool, playing cards.

He played baseball on his brother Stephen Medacco's all Anishinabek baseball team in his early 20's. The uniforms were

place to another - until he was 11 years hand-made by Stephen and Joe's wives, Dorothy and Mildred. A picture of this baseball team circulated during the Reaffirmation Dinner last year. It was a welcome surprise to the Medacco family! Another tribal member had taken it many years ago, a simple gesture that brought back great memories and sparked a few memorable conversations.

> Joe is a Men's Traditional Dancer. He was gifted regalia from his niece, Pamela Medahko, during an honoring gathering for her late father, Stephen Medahko. Joe proudly participated in this event where he also received many other gifts. Due to ill health, he is unable to continue dancing but does attend when he is able, with full regalia. He enjoys the company of the veterans, while he sits near the arbor during the Veteran's honor song. From there he can meet and shake the hands of those who honor the veterans.

> Joseph Medacco now lives in Muskegon, Michigan, he is a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-greatgrandfather. He is a proud member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

> In upcoming issues we will be bringing you biographical information on the Tribal Members that served in WWII. If you have pictures or information you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to call;

> Emily Drouin - 231-398-6864 or toll free 1-888-723-8288

## Tribal Historic Preservation Department Introduced

As of mid-November 2004, the Tribal Government has introduced a new department – Tribal Historic Preservation. The department is responsible for the management, research, interpretation, protection and development of sites of historical significance on our Indian lands. The department will work with applicable Federal, State, and Local agencies to consult and ensure compliance of issues that effect historical properties. Along with this responsibility, the department will ensure language, traditions, cultural life events and teachings are continued for our Tribe and other entities.

Ideally, all Tribal historical items, representing a range of materials including, but not limited to archival records, sacred materials, original art, and historical, ethnographic, and contemporary artifacts relating to the history, and the present, of the people and the culture of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be archived for the preservation, promotion, and protection of Tribal history, culture, and identity of our Tribe. Department Community Center Coordinator

staff will be working with the Cultural The Preservation committee and other departments in organizing cultural events for the membership such as the annual Pow Wow, Fall Gathering, Sacred Fires, etc. The department will also be working future. If you have any questions, please on NAGPRA (Native American Graves feel free to contact the department at the & Repatriation Act) issues relating to following: burial sites, human remains and artifacts. Within the Casino expansion project, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians there are plans for a historical wing for the creation of a Tribal history display, which the department will be responsible for creating and maintaining.

The department plans to hire an Administrative Assistant and is currently staffed by the following employees:

Jay Sam Tribal Historic Preservation Director

Valerie Chandler Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator

Katherine Glocheski

Tribal Historical Preservation department office is currently located at 3031 Domres Road in Manistee at what was previously known as the training trailer, but may be relocating in the near

Attn:

Tribal Historic Preservation Department 375 River Street Manistee, MI 49660

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Valerie Chandler (231) 398-9363 or vchandler@Irboi.com

Katherine Glocheski (231) 398-6714

# History

## Remembering the Past....

Recently, the Tribal Historic Preservation Department was created and has received a great number of newspaper articles commemorating historical events of the Tribe. Each month, we will feature an article called "Remembering the Past..." and do a re-print of an event from randomly selected newspaper articles.

"Clinton signs bill to recognize local tribe" By Jake Kowalski, Staff Writ-

(Re-printed from the Manistee News Advocate, September

21, 1994)

President Bill Clinton was scheduled to sign a bill today that reaffirmed the federal status of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and two other Michigan tribes.

Dan Bailey, the chairman of the board of directors for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, which is based in Manistee, was invited to the White House as the representative of the tribe. "We never anticipated that there would actually be a signing ceremony in the White House," said Mark Dougher, executive director of the Tribe. Dougher expressed disappointment that Bailey was the only member of the tribe invited to the ceremony. Others were deserving of the experience, he said, including Katherine Sams Glocheski, former chair of the tribe's board of directors, and Margaret Chandler, a member of the board of directors. "These are two people that have earned that right to go," Dougher said. "It would've been nice to send a whole busload of people." The president was scheduled today to sign

tribes – one for the Little River tue of the fact that the federal Band and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and another for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Dougher said he thought the ceremony, which included a representative from each tribe, was precedent setting.

"I don't think there's ever been an Ottawa Indian that's been personally invited to the White House for an issue that affects the Ottawa people," said Dougher.

A Sense of Relief The bill for the Little River and Little Traverse Band passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Aug. 3. The companion bill passed the Senate on May 25. Dougher found out about the signing ceremony on Friday. He was asked how he felt when he heard the news. "I felt more a sense of relief. We've been biding our time wondering when the President was going to sign it." The reason for reaffirmation was outlined in a speech U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, gave before the U.S. House of Representatives on June 10, 1993. "...Historical documentation proves that these tribes have. in fact, had formal government-to-government relations from the times Americans first entered the Great Lakes Region to the present," Kildee said. "It is simply the legal status of that relationship that we seek to reaffirm through this legislation. "...Federal Indian services guaranteed them were either never provided or were gradually withdrawn. The tribes have continued to petition the federal government for recognition and enforcement of these rights..." The United States government and Ottawa bands entered into into law two bills which reaf- five treaties, the last of which firm the federal status of three was signed in 1855. "By vir-

government was negotiating a treaty with the Ottawa Indians means that the federal government recognized the Ottawa Indians as a distinct nation of people," said Dougher. "The Ottawa have contended that they were always recognized. Because they had a treaty and that never was altered. We are asking that Congress reaffirm that these are federally recognized tribes."

A New Chapter

When the president does sign the bill into law, what will this mean for the Little River Band? "Historically, it will mean vindication," said Dougher. "It's vindication of Ottawa treaty rights." Dougher said that when the bill is signed, a new chapter will begin for the tribe. "It's taken 120 years to get this matter resolved," he said. "Now a whole new phase of work begins. And that concerns the governing of the tribe in the modern age." For non-Indians in the area, how will federal recognition affect them? "As the tribe evolves there will be job opportunities," said Dougher. "The non-Indian community will benefit from that just as the Indian community will." Once the bill becomes law, the tribe's present board and its officers will serve as the interim tribal council. The voting membership will elect a new tribal council after the tribal membership and constitution are approved. Dougher said that the tribe has received membership applications from about 500 eligible people. About 400 of the applicants reside in the tribe's service level Mason, Manistee, Lake, and Wexford counties. Eligibility for the tribe is based on one's ancestry. Dougher estimated that membership would peak

at about 700 to 800 people. Legislation provides that the tribe has up to 18 months to complete the tribal membership roll. It also states that no later than 24 months after the bill is enacted, the eligible tribal membership will vote on the adoption of the tribe's constitution. Within six months after the constitution is ratified by the membership, voters will elect a new tribal council.

#### **Future Plans**

In November, the tribe will begin the work of developing a 10-year strategic plan. Dougher said that he thinks that children and the elderly should be given primary consideration when the tribe plans future programs. He added that he feels the tribe's economic development efforts should be in varied fields. "I would hope that they wouldn't build an economic base on one industry," said Dougher. The tribe will be seeking appropriations from Congress to purchase land which is appropriate for construction of offices, a community center, a health clinic, and homes. Dougher said that there isn't going to be a windfall of money to provide services for the tribe. "It's going to be incremental," he said. "It's going to be sufficient to provide for some needs of the tribal community." Dougher said that when President Clinton signs the bill into law, excitement won't be the only emotion that tribal members feel. "There's a sadness too because there's a lot of elders that have died in the past few years," he said. "I wish they could have lived long enough to see this happen."

By Valerie Chandler, Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator

### Native American Association Proposed!

On December 9th and 10th, representatives from the 12 federally recognized Indian tribes of Michigan met for a Summit at the Kewadin Casino Complex in Sault Ste. Marie. At the meeting the tribes were presented with a draft proposal to establish an association of Michigan Tribes that could focus on common values and needs, information sharing, and information distribution. Many speakers referred to the tremendous impact the alliance between tribes was able to make during the Proposal 1 campaign. We demonstrated the potential for strength in an alliance of tribes; by working together, our political, social and economic impact can benefit not only our members, but also the public at large.

Given this success, the Summit was presented with a draft proposal for the formation of an official organization to represent the mutual interests of all Michigan tribes. This association would maintain an office in Lansing and would actively interact with governmental officials in an effort to inform them about tribal concerns and accomplishments.

The draft proposal was taken back to each of the tribes for consideration. Many of the speakers at the Summit spoke in support of the proposal. They reiterated the need to

bring 'our voices' together, to work for our common good, while respecting each other's sovereignty.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Member, Pamela Medahko and Al Medacco, Commander of the Warrior Society and Tribal Elder, accentuated the symbolism of the event by presenting each of the twelve tribes with a hand-crafted arrow.

#### REGALIA, DANCE & SINGING CLASS COMING SOON!

Starting in the month of February, the Cultural Preservation Committee and Tribal Historic Preservation Department will begin classes for Tribal members interested in making regalia, dancing and singing. The dates and times are to be announced so please watch for details as they become available. You may also contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Department at 231-398-9363 or toll-free at 1-888-723-8288 or by emailing vchandler@lrboi.com for more information.

# MKWA-GIIZIS (FEBRUARY) EVENTS AT THE ZIIBIWING CENTER

If winter is making you a little stir crazy, there's no better place to make a special trip to than Ziibiwing. We have a lot going on this month, and I know a special visit to the Center will put a big smile on your face.

Thursday, February 10 7pm-8:30pm Anishinabek Clan System Lecture FREE

Brian Corbiere, Ojibwe, will present the history and purpose of the Anishinabek Clan System. Brian, a drum carrier for the Three Fires Anishinabek Midewiwin Society, is a community-based Anishinabemowin (language) instructor and consultant. Brian will also give advice to individuals who are seeking their Clan and/or their family's Clan history.

#### Saturday, February 19 1pm-4pm SNOWSNAKE TOURNAMENT

FREE

Come participate in one of the oldest winter games known to the Anishinabek. Snowsnake is a cross between the modern day javelin throw and curling. The event will feature separate women and men divisions (seven age groups from Kindergarten to Golden Age). Community snowsnakes will be provided if you would like to participate and don't own your own snowsnake. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each category and a special gift will be given to all participants – registration is required, contact Kim Cronkite at (989) 775-4744. For more information on Snowsnake Games visit: http://collections.ic.gc.ca/aboriginalgenerations/snowsnakestory.htm

#### Tuesday, February 22 6pm-8pm ANISHINABEMOWIN CLUB

FREE

Learn to speak Ojibwe Anishinabemowin with other beginning speakers in an informal setting. Bring friends and family!

# Thursday, February 24 7pm-8:30pm TRADITIONAL HEALING LECTURE FREE

Ted Holappa and Peggy Hemenway will share how traditional healing administration and the continuance of this knowledge benefits the Anishinabek community. Ted Holappa, Ojibwe, is the Director of the Traditional Medicine Program for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Peggy Hemenway, Odawa, is the Traditional Practitioner Assistant of the Traditional Medicine Program for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

# The Members Assistance Department

Announcing two new assistance programs available to the Membership.



## Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

This program is to provide assistance to Tribal members who are experiencing a housing crisis.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- a. 18 years or older; or legal parent or guardian of a member who has not yet reached 18 yrs old.
- b. Permanent member of the household.
- c. Home is located in the continental United States
- d. The household income does not exceed the income criteria set forth by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- e. Received an eviction or foreclosure notice.
- f. Received denial for services from another agency.
- g. Proof of budgeting issue.

Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage not to exceed \$1000.00.

## Food Assistance Program

This program is to provide assistance to Tribal members who are experiencing a dietary/food crisis.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- a. 18 years or older; or legal parent or guardian of a member who has not yet reached 18 yrs old.
- b. Permanent member of the household.
- c. Home is located in the continental United States.
- d. The household income does not exceed the income criteria set forth by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- e. Special dietary needs.
- f. Received denial for services from an agency.
- g. Proof of budgeting issue.

Maximum amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year per household.

For information or to request an application, please contact the Members Assistance Department

Phone 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288 Fax 231-398-6748

Lee A. Ivinson Ext - 6718 or Amber Moore Ext - 6731

### Small Business Development Resource

Nita Guenthardt

**Economic Development Coordinator** 

To help those of you considering the move to starting your own 1. business, I am sharing some of the basic steps necessary to get- 2. ting out on the right foot.

The first in this series is the BUSINESS PLAN. It sounds omi- 3. nous, but it can become your best business tool when completed. Several software packages are available to help you. However, I found a great website that is free: www.myownbusiness. com is available to everyone online. If you are seriously thinking about your own business, or feel you are ready to make the moves, please check out the site. They offer a twelve-step business readiness plan to help complete your Business Plan.

I will summarize each step in the weeks to come, adding addi- 6. tional information I collect for our business resource and reference files.

To begin we need a Business Plan. Let's get started;

Why Prepare a Business Plan? First, it will define and focus your objective using appropriate information and analysis. Start-up entrepreneurs often have difficulty writing out business plans. This discipline is going to help you in many ways so don't skip this planning tool! To make it easier, here are six steps that will get you to a worthwhile plan:

- Write out your basic business concept.
- Gather all the data you can on the feasibility and the specifics of your business concept.
- Focus and refine your concept based on the data you have compiled.
- Outline the specifics of your business. Using a "What, where, why, how" approach might be useful.
- Put your plan into a compelling form so that it will not only give you insights and focus but, at the same time, will become a valuable tool in dealing with business relationships that will be very important to you.
- Review the sample plans furnished online (www. myownbusiness.com) and download the blank format to a MS Word document. Fill this in as you progress through the steps to your plan.

In the weeks to come, I will address each of the steps to complete your plan and help to identify possible funding sources available through federal and state programs. Questions? Comments?

Call Nita, Economic Development Coordinator 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6806

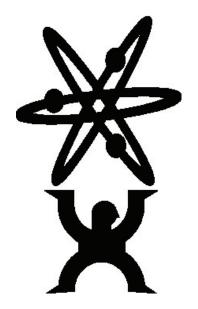
#### THE TOP TEN DO'S WHEN STARTING A BUSINESS

- Live frugally to build a start-up nest egg. 1.
- Be sure your intended business has long-term economic 2. potential.
- 3. Aim to become a specialist.
- Work first for someone else in your intended business. 4.
- 5. Adapt to your local market and tastes.
- 6. Prepare a business plan before you start.
- 7. Learn computer and e-commerce skills before you start.
- 8. Have a lawyer and accountant before you start.
- 9. Know how to keep score: learn accounting.
- 10. Prepare frequent cash flow projections.

#### THE TOP TEN DON'TS WHEN STARTING A BUSINESS

- Don't be impatient in selecting a business. 1.
- 2. Don't quit your job without having a solid business plan
- 3. Don't sign a lease or franchise agreement without a lawyer.
- 4. Don't tackle too big a challenge: better a one-foot hurdle than a seven-footer.
- 5. Don't bet the family jewels: limit your liabilities.
- 6. Don't start a business without experiencing it first.
- 7. Don't overlook adequate employee training and motivating.
- 8. Don't let anyone sign checks.
- 9. Don't let anyone sign purchase orders.
- 10. Don't hesitate to promptly cut costs in business downturns.

### WINTER TIPS ON ENERGY SAVINGS



You can easily save energy in the winter by setting the thermostat to 68°F (20°C) when you're at home and awake, and lowering it when you're asleep or away. This strategy is effective and inexpensive.

A common misconception as-

that a furnace works harder will put out, or that the house 15° for 8 hours, you can save than normal to warm the space will warm up faster if the ther- about 5% to 15% a year on back to a comfortable tem- mostat is raised higher. Fur- your heating bill—a savings of perature after the thermostat has been set back, resulting in little or no savings. This misconception has been dispelled by years of research and numerous studies. The fuel required to reheat a building to a comfortable temperature is roughly equal to the fuel saved as the building drops to the lower temperature. You save fuel between the time that the temperature stabilizes at the lower level and the next time heat is needed. So, the longer your house remains at the lower temperature, the more energy you save.

Another misconception is that the higher you raise a thermo-

thermostat is set—the variable is how long it must stay on to reach the set temperature.

In the winter, significant savings can be obtained by manually or automatically reducing your thermostat's temperature setting for as little as four hours per day. These savings can be attributed to a building's heat loss in the winter, which deon your thermostat for an enwill be substantial. By turning four years.

sociated with thermostats is stat, the more heat the furnace your thermostat back 10° to naces put out the same amount as much as 1% for each degree of heat no matter how high the if the setback period is eight hours long.

> To maximize your energy savings without sacrificing comfort, you can install an automatic setback or programmable thermostat. They adjust the temperature setting for you. While you might forget to turn down the heat before you leave for work in the morning, a programmable thermostat won't! pends greatly on the difference By maintaining the highest or between the inside and outside lowest required temperatures temperatures. For example, if for four or five hours a day inyou set the temperature back stead of 24 hours, a programmable thermostat can pay for tire night, your energy savings itself in energy saved within

# Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday Bronsen March 11th

-From Mom & Dad.

Happy Birthday Denise Schultz! (February 20th)

- From Mom.

Happy Birthday Brian Gibson! (February 21st)

- From Mom.

Happy Birthday to my daughter, Elizabeth L. Medacco! With all my Love, have a great day. (February 13th)

- Love Mom.

Happy 75th birthday, Mom (Feb 25th)

- Love your daughter and sis-in -law Bernadette and Benny Rivas and family.

Happy Belated 4th Birthday Ki-Anna Rae Milk!

- Lots of love, Auntie Nana, Little Avery, and every one else.

Grandma and Tweetie wish little cutie pie David a birthday full of fun and laghter. Love, hugs and kisses too. (February 25th)

- Grandma

MAMA.

The best in the world birthday wishes to my awesome son David and to his lovely wife, my daughter Shelly. (January 19th & February 19th) - Love, hugs and kisses too - YO

Jesse H. Bacon - Happy Birthday Man. We love you.

- Little sis, mom & dad, and the rest Valentines, Joshua & Breanna. of the family.

Happy Birthday, Nancy Bush! - From your family in Marion Michigan!!! Love Dee, Raymond and Vi.

Hey, California Kids - Joy, David & Family. We love & miss you guys! See you soon...

- Love, your Northern Family, Diane, Rick, Nikki, Mom.

Happy Birthday to Uncle George (February 1st)

- Love, from your family, the Verdis & Strobels.

Happy Birthday Sheri! Hope you have a wonderful day. Love, Valerie & Matthew.

Happy 8th Birthday to Bronsen Clyne (March 11th)

- Love, Daddio & Mom & Blaque.

Happy 70th Birthday to Mom & Grandma - Charlene Antoine (March 7th)

James.

Happy 8th Birthday to my other brother - Bronsen Clyne. (March 11th) - Love, sister.

Happy Birthday Joselyn Myree! - We love you, your family.

# Happy Valentines Day!!

Happy Valentines Day sweet Nathan (You're a little Snuggle Bear)

- Hugs, your friend, Breanna Marie

Happy Valentines to my two sweet

- Love, Mom.

To Judi Bacon Fricke: For you are my sister, and alway will be.

Weather you are here or up there, You are my sister and always will

For we had our ups and downs, and always gotten over them. When one of us needed the other weather we was mad or not. We was always around for one another no matter what. For we are sisters and always will

But for today we are not together but someday we will be.

But until then I want you to know just one more thing.

For I love you and miss you and always will.

For you are my sister and that's the way it was meant to be.

- From your little sis Tammi Bacon Sanders.

Happy Valentines Day to all my - Love, Nita, Jeremy, Janelle & friends! You know who you all are. - Hugs, Kimberley Alexander.

> Happy Valentines Day Joan! You are the best Mommy & sister! Wishing you lots of love today and always. - Love, Nathan & Valerie.

> Happy Valentines Day Goofy! I love you more and more every day... you truly are my one and only! - Love always, Pinky.

> Happy First Valentines Day to my sweet little nephew Nathan! - Lots of love, Auntie Valerie.

- Published in the Muskegon Chronicle on 1/27/2005.

# **Obituaries**

WEATHERS, MR. JULIUS EVERETT The 'Karaoke Cowboy' Husband of Carol Mr. Julius Weathers, age 47, passed away January 25, 2005. He was born in Muskegon, MI on February 15, 1957 to James E., Sr. and Thressa U. (Cummins) Weathers. He graduated from Orchard View High School in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Carol (Kemp) of 11/2 years; one daughter, Jennifer (Sherman) Morse of Ludington; 3 step-children, Scott, Aaron and Kirstin Freeman of Muskegon; three grandchildren: Dylan, Allison and Evalynd Morse of Ludington; his mother, Thressa; his sisters and brothers: Janice (Dale) Hancock, James, Jr. (Alice) Weathers, John (Jackie) Weathers, Jene Weathers, Sr., Jannell (Brian) Gibson all of Muskegon, and Jacqueline (Kenneth) LaHaye of Manistee; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends and his puppy, Jasmine. He was preceded in death by his father, James, Sr. in 1995 and infant brother, Jerry in 1949. The son of a musician, Julius started his musical career at a very young age and was self-employed as a DJ and entertainer for over ten years. He was known as the 'Karaoke Cowboy' at many local organizations as well as in Lansing and Charlotte, MI. He will be remembered for his love of family and his beautiful voice and singing ability, gardening, fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Eagles #3552 in Charlotte and attended The Community of Christ Church. The Funeral Service was on Friday, January 28, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Ever Rest Funeral Home & Chapel, 1783 E. Keating Ave., Muskegon, with Elder Arnold 'Skip' Hicks officiating. Interment will be in Mona View Cemetery. Visitation were Thursday, January 27th from 6-8 P.M. and one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. Memorials may be directed to Carol Weathers. -Ever Rest Funeral Home & Chapel

# Community News

# Congratulations!

Timothy Kevin Ensley and Cynthia Kramer would like to invite all of their friends and family to their Wedding and Reception. The Ceremony is to take place at the Church in Dwight Lightdale Park in Comstock Park, Michigan on July 9th, 2005. The Reception will be in 6th Street Hall in Grand Rapids. A formal invitation will be published at a later date.

For more information, phone Tim at 616-482-0405.



Congrats to Rachel Walsh for being the Star at Kennedy School. Good Job! Way to go!! - Uncle Butch, Aunt Nicole, Bronsen



Congratulations to Joan Burkhart for making the Dean's list with a 4.0 GPA!! We are so proud of you - keep up the great work!

- Love, your family and friends.





# Happy Anniversary!

Happy 30th Anniversary, Roger and Diane Willard! (January 25th)

- Love your Family, Chris, Catherine, & Madelyn, Roger Bruce, Annie, & Noah, Robert & Tanya, Matt, Rachel, Jessica, & Nicholas.



Congratulations to Mark and Jen Knee for the birth of their son, Daniel.

He was born on January 22nd, seven pounds, eleven ounces.



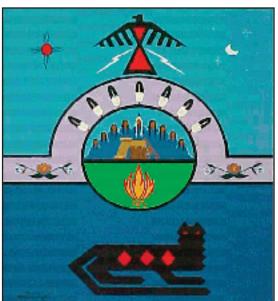


Enjoying winter sports
Jazzmon Koon is one of our Tribal
Youth. She is seen here with her
father (Larry Koon) who did not
catch the fish she is holding!
Good Catch Jazzmon!



# Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 11th Annual Jiingtamok July 2 & 3, 2005

Manistee, Michigan



At the Little River Gathering Grounds across from the Little River Casino Resort (Corner of US-31 and M-22)

Saturday Grand Entry: 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday Grand Entry: 1:00 pm

All Drums & Head Personnel to be announced Day money for all registered dancers

5th Annual "Along the Lake" Hand Drum Championship

2005 Miss Little River and Jr. Miss Little River Princess Contest

**Camping available (first come first serve basis)** 

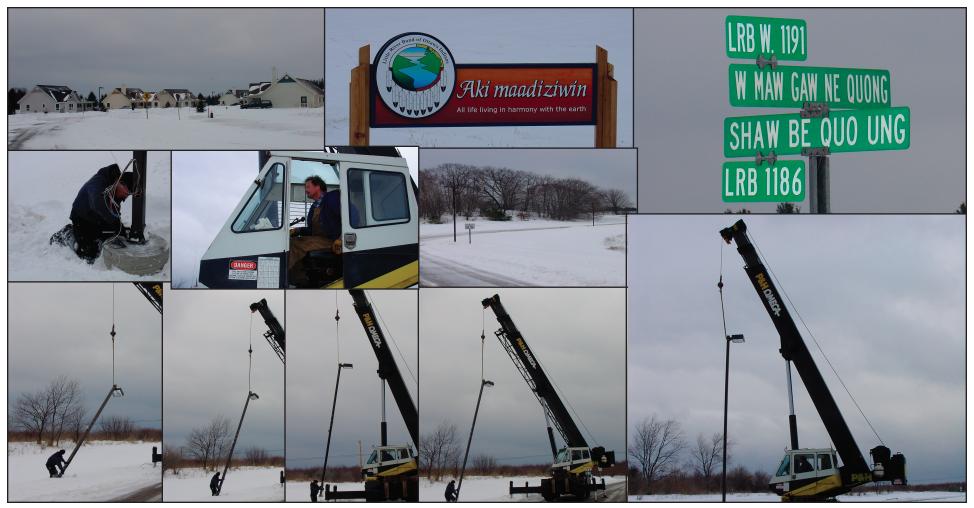
Absolutely NO alcohol, drugs or violence will be tolerated

Vendors, drums and dancers may contact the Tribal office for more information at 1-888-723-8288

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# Aki Maadziwin



#### The Housing Department would like to share updates on quality of living that were made at Aki Maadziwin in the past year;

Streetlights have been installed for improved living conditions of our tribal members that reside within the development. The lights are being installed in sections throughout the housing de-

The department recently assigned and installed street numbers that will assist in emergency response conditions.

Along with showing our presence in the area, signage of the development was a definite improvement to the entrance to Aki Maadziwin.

Trees were planted onto the lots of the elders

at Aki Maadziwin. The elders took great care in aiding the trees to become healthy after the shock of being moved. Chi Miigwech to our elders who participated in the care of the trees. In addition to these recent accomplishments, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department has a very active year planned for 2005. These plans include the following:

- Continuing to work towards improving living conditions at Aki maadziwin.
- Adding garages to all existing Elder's 2. units at Aki maadziwin.
- Participating actively in the capital campaign for the build-out of the community center at Aki maadziwin.
- Construction of nine (9) low income rental units at Aki maadziwin.

- Providing oversight related to the construction and installation of a water tower and its related infrastructure.
- 6. Planning for additional infrastructural needs in the cul-de-sac area of Aki maadziwin.
- 7. Working to better accommodate the tribal need for emergency housing.
- 8. Prioritizing tribal efforts to increase HUD service area designation
- Assisting with the completion of legal infrastructure to open Aki maadziwin to home
- Developing campaign to advise tribal members of the advantages of upcoming leasehold program.

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